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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF KAGNEW 2

1. THERE WILL BE NO PRESS CONTACTS FOR BOWIDOWICZ AND STRICKLAND FOR NOW. WHEN THEY DO SEE THE PRESS THEIR STATEMENTS MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN ADVANCE SO THAT EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE BEST CALCULATED (A) TO ENHANCE PROSPECTS OF EARLY RELEASE OF REMAINING THREE CAPTIVES IN ERITREA AND (B) NOT TO OFFEND EPMG.

2. EMBASSY HAS PROBABLY ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE TWO FORMER CAPTIVES, AND DEPARTMENT ASSUMES FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND GUIDANCE TO THEM IS PROBABLY PLANNED BY THEIR ESCORT ON THE TRIP TO FRANKFURT. EXPOSURE TO THE MEDIA IN FRANKFURT IS NOT AUTHORIZED, ON GROUNDS BOTH OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE STRAIN, WHICH MAY NOT YET BE FULLY APPARENT EVEN TO

THEM, AFTER THEIR ORDEAL, AND BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ANY RPT ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUCH RELEASES. THERE IS NO OVERRIDING NEED FOR THEM TO MEET WITH THE PRESS IN FRANKFURT, IN SPITE OF ITS PROBABLE INTEREST, EVEN JUST FOR THE READING OF A BRIEF, PREPARED TEXT. FURTHERMORE WE PLAN TO HAVE APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MEET WITH THEM AT THEIR DESTINATIONS AT

BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER IN TEXAS AND THE GREAT LAKES NAVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN ILLINOIS PRIOR TO THEIR PUBLIC EXPOSURE IN THE US. KISSINGER

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